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BASED JORNAL "KOMMUNIST" ON PORTUGAL'S PARTICIPATION
IN NATO AND U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AZORES

REF: LISBON 4169

1. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND PCP SECRETARY GENERAL
ALVARO CUNHAL HAS REPEATED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT TO THE
PORTUGUESE PRESS (REFTEL) THAT THE PCP WILL NOT RAISE THE
QUESTION OF PORTUGAL'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN NATO NOR
THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN MILITARY BASE IN THE AZORES. THE
STATEMENT WAS GIVEN IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MOSCOW JORNAL
"KOMMUNIST" AND REPLAYED LISBON PRESS 30 NOV. CUNHAL ADDED
THAT THESE QUESTIONS WOULD BE RAISED AT THE "PROPER TIME"
AND THAT HE IS "PATIENT."

2. COMMENT: THE PCP CONTINUES TO PLAY ITS CAUTIOUS POLITICAL
GAME, AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE THIS POSITION ON NATO
AND LAJES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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